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As announced in yesterday's STAR, the Baltimore Circuit Court yesterday decided adversely to the application for a receiver in the case of the Chesapeake & Ohio canal. The bill in the case was not, however, dismissed, but retained in court in order that the court without actual interference may see that the canal is managed with all possible economy and regard for the rights of the bondholders. Some practices complained of, such as extravagant hotel bills for directors and others, are discountenanced, though the practices were not carried far enough, the court thought, to warrant the costly remedy of a receiver. The decision of the court, notwithstanding the mild reprimand about the notel bills, is a substantial triumph for A. P. Gorman, president of the canal company, and U. S. Senator-elect from Maryland. Everybody in Maryland understands that the canal is managed to advance the interests of a small circle of smart politicians, of whom Mr. Gorman is the Head Center; but at the same time it is not easy to prove that the disastrous condition of canal affairs existing when they get control would have been improved to any greater extent by any other clique of Maryland politicians. From the fact that the state is the owner of a majority of the capital stock of the canal, it necessarily happens that its management falls into the hands of the governing men of the political party predominant in the state. It is thus inevitably used as a political machine, and the private stockholders have small show for expecting any business returns from an investment managed

The people of St. Louis are raising money for the construction of a narrow-gauge system of railway to relieve the city of Jay Gould's monopoly. For several years past a narrow-gauge road has been in operation between St. Louis and Cairo, and it has proved a success. The proposition now is to extend this road from Cairo to Texarkana, on the borders of Arkansas and Texas. There is a line of railway, of the same gauge, now under way between Texarkana and Waco, Texas, and from the latter point the purpose is to extend the system to the Rio Grande, and subsequently into Mexico. Upwards of a million dollars have been subscribed in St. Louis to carry on this undertaking, and a syndicate has been formed in New York for the same purpose. The cream of the trade of St. Louis comes from the southwest, and every line of railway penetrating that section, with the exception of one uncompleted route, is now owned by Gould. Merchants and property owners of St. Louis seem to have awakened to a realizing sense of the power this man holds over them, and they are desirous of escaping from his clutches, even by a narrowgauge route.

The city of Memphis surrendered its charter abandoned his corporate existence to escape the payment of an enormous municipal debt that had been accumulating for years. The helders of the city bonds brought suit, and the lower courts decided that in changing its character the city had not escaped its debt. But now the federal Supreme Court has reversed this decision, holding, in effect, that the security of a city bondholder terminates with the life of the corporation which incurred the debt, or rather issued the bonds. In other words, that when Memphis surrendered its charter it got rid of its responsibility for the debts of the incorporated city, thus leaving the bencholders without recourse except as judgment creditors of a defunct corporation. The Supreme Court held that the public works and buildings of the city, or taxing district, as it now is, are not liable for attachment for debt; nor can the private property be reached except by taxation, which must be levied by legislative authority, and not judicial. The lower court had appointed a receiver to administer on the effects of the bankrupt city, in the interest of the bondholders, but the Supreme Court, by its decision, cancelled this appoint-

There appears to be in this country a grow. ing dependence upon legislation to correct evils or abuses of which the public complain. If a real or imaginary grievance exists in a city the aldermen are appealed to for relief; if in a state, the legislature is urged to enact laws that will remove the cause of complaint, and if in the nation, Congress is called upon to put an end to the trouble by putting more laws upon the statute books. The history of nations proves that peoples have suffered from too much government, not from too little. The impotency of legislation to correct abuses is as demonstrable as the simplest problem that was ever proposed. Over-legislation inevitably does harm; no legislation, if it does no good, cannot do harm. Congress has been severely criticised for taking a holiday recess, on the ground that it would not have time to enact as much legislation as the country needs. There is no cause for uneasiness on this account. All the legislation required by the country can be enacted before the 4th of March, and, as the country is in a prosperous condition, we can get along with very little.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company seem really to mean business in their professions of a disposition to compete actively with other lines in accommodating th epublic. Following upon the announcement that they have triumphed in their contest with the Pullman sleeper monopoly, it is stated that they propose putting dining cars on their lines, and have some already nearly completed at the Mount Clare works. The pattern of car adopted is about fifty-two feet in length and will seat thirty-two guests at eight tables. The admirable system of dining cars on the Burlington and Quincy road, between Chicago and Omaha, has shown how much the comfort of passengers can be increased in this way, under proper management; and no doubt the Baltimore and Ohio road will find the adoption of this feature a strong bid for public favor.

The clan Cameron still rules in Pennsylvania, despite all the talk about its waning power. Mr. Grow has many elements of strength, and some of his friends seem to have believed that he could win the Senatorship on his own merits; but the result has shown that no man can rise there who does not wear the Cameron plaid. There has been the same sort of talk in New York about electing an anti-Conkling U. S. Senator, and it is probably quite as idle. Mr. Conkling's seat in the dictatorship of New York is quite as firm as that of Simon Cameron in Pennsylvania, and he will name the man to be elected U. S. Senator quite certainly.

The latest novelty in the way of pastime among fashionable New York ladies is fencing. It "took" as soon as introduced and no firstclass family of the metropolis is now complete, in all its appointments, without a fencing-master. The genius who originated the idea of convincing the ladies that a skilful use of the foils should be added to their accomplishments, argues that the exercise develops the chest and muscles gives steadiness to the nerves, quickens the blood and in other ways confers beneat. If this fashion becomes so general that ladies grow proficient in the use of the folls-and therefore of swords-may be after awhile it will be reported instead of breach of promise suits that Miss So-and-so "pinked" the masculine offender.

The most sensible criticism yet made by an English journal upon the war in Transvaal is that the British government has had it within its power at any time during the past three years to secure peace by making just concessions to the Boers. This is the plain truth. The people who have confronted trials and dangers for over two centuries in establishing homes and property find themselves threatened and oppressed at this late day by the nation that boasts itself to be civilization par excellence. Great Britain can conquer and destroy the Boers, it is true, but the latter will fight with the desperation of men striking for their homes, and the conquest will cost a mint of money,

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